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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SADAO TAKAHASHI : EXAMINER: DASTOURI, M.  
SERIAL NO: 09/551,466 :  
FILED: APRIL 17, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2623  
FOR: IMAGE BINARIZATION :  
APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION  
METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A  
COMPUTER PRODUCT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, and the Advisory Action of August 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 31 of this paper.